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1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED TANGOV OFFICIAL ON USG INITIATIVES AND THOUGHTS ON INDIAN OCEAN AND INFORMED GOVERNMENT OF KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP ARRIVAL. TANGOV OFFICIAL SAID RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED IN FOR DEMARCHE ON SOVIET NAVAL ROLE IN INDIAN OCEAN. END SUMMARY

2. IN BRIEFING TANGOV'S MOST SENIOR FONMIN OFFICER, A. B. NYAKYI, THURSDAY, 28 FEB., I DREW HEAVILY ON REF (C) IN GIVING BACKGROUND OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND ACDA REP'S TESTIMONY. I underscored our JULY 1971 STATEMENT THAT WE AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST AVOID MILITARY COMPETITION IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA" AND WANTED KNOW WHAT SOVIETS HAD IN MIND--AND THAT OVER TWO YEARS LATER WE HAD RECEIVED NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

3. THEN MADE POINT OF 1971 ANZUS COMMUNIQUE AND REPEATED ZURHELLEN CONCLUSION: "WE ARE IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING TO REFRAIN FROM MILITARY RIVALRY...".

4. I TOLD NYAKYI PENDING FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE SOVIETS (AND BECAUSE SOVIETS NEGOTIATE MORE READILY IN THE FACE OF STRENGTH) WE WILL MAINTAIN DEPLOYMENT OF NAVAL FORCES IN IO AND TO THAT END KITTY HAWK GROUP WILL BE COMING IN TO REPLACE BAINBRIDGE GROUP WHICH DEPARTS "SOMETIME AFTER 2 MARCH" (REF B).

5. NYAKYI REPLIED TANGOV APPRECIATED USG RESPONSE ON QUESTION AND PLEASED LEARN OF EARLIER USG/USSR EXCHANGES REF (D). HE THEN SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WELCOMED "BIG POWER" REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN EUROPE, BUT THAT "PEACE CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN IN ISOLATION". CITING THE 1885 BERLIN CONFERENCE ON AFRICA IN WHICH DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY EUROPEAN POWERS WITHOUT RESPECT TO INTERESTS OF AFRICANS, NYAKYI PLEADED THAT IN THIS INSTANCE THE VIEWS OF THE LITTORALS TO KEEP THE INDIAN OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE

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BE RESPECTED.

6. THE TANGOV OFFICIAL LABELED THE INDIAN OCEAN QUESTION "URGENT" AND ASKED THAT ACTION ON REDUCTION OF FORCES TAKE PLACE "BEFORE CONFRONTATION". NYAKYI THEN DISCLOSED HE HAD CALLED IN RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR AND TOLD HIM OF TANGOV'S DESIRE THAT THE IO BE DECLARED ZONE OF PEACE. ACCORDING TO NYAKYI, HE TOLD RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR THAT ALL PRIOR

TANGOV STATEMENTS WHICH HAD SINGLED OUT THE
AMERICANS FOR BUILD UP OF NAVAL FORCES IN IO
APPLIED EQUALLY TO SOVIETS.

7. NYAKYI SAID, "WE KEEP ASKING OURSELVES: WHAT ARE
INTENTIONS OF AMERICANS AND RUSSIANS? THEY SAY THEY WANT
PEACE AND REDUCTION OF TENSIONS. THAT'S WHAT TANZANIA
AND OTHER LITTORAL STATES WANT ALSO." REFERRING TO
BRITISH FONSECY, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME'S REMARK
MADE IN DAR LAST MONTH THAT THE UK WAS INTERESTED
IN PROTECTING ITS TRADE ROUTES IN IO, NYAKYI SAID "ALL
OF US" HAVE A VITAL INTEREST IN THESE SAME ROUTES. DOES
BIG-POWER NAVAL CONFRONTATION HELP PROTECT THEM?

8. COMMENT: I NOW UNDERSTAND MORE CLEARLY WHY FONMIN
MALECELA ASKED ME TO MEET WITH PRINCIPAL SECY NYAKYI
ON THIS SUBJECT (REF A). NYAKYI HAD APPARENTLY BEEN
GIVEN ASSIGNMENT CALL IN RUSSIAN AS WE PREDICTED MIGHT
OCCUR IN REF (D). IN ANY EVENT, TANGOV NOW CLEARLY ON
MORE EVEN-HANDED APPROACH ON INDIAN OCEAN QUESTION. END
COMMENT.

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